Irregularities in FCI

1530. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information about the irregularities in the functioning of FCI in Haryana with regard to wheat sale; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes Sir Information has been received from the Government of Haryana about the irregularities in regard to sale of wheat in Haryana under Open Market Sale Scheme. A case has been registered against the then SRM, FCI, Haryana on 6.1.97 by the Distt. Police authorities at Rohtak. The main allegation in the FIR is that illegal gratification was demanded for allotment of wheat under Open Sale Scheme by agents of SRM, FCI, Haryana.

(b) Two FCI officials and three others have been arrested. The FCI officials have been placed under suspension. The services of the then SRM, FCI have been repatriated to his parent cadre. Warrant of arrest against the then SRM, FCI, Haryana has been issued. The matter is under investigation by the State police authorities. The matter has been taken up with CBI also for investigation.

Lifting Restriction on Movement of Foodgrains

1531. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lift restriction on movement of foodgrains in the country in view of the artificial scarcity of foodgrains created by the traders resulting in rise in prices of foodgrains throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV):(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Faulty Advance Planning in Respect of the Exports and Imports of Wheat

1532. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to sttitc:

(a) the quantity of wheat India exported during the months from July, 1996 to December, 1996;

(b) the quantity of wheat India imported in the months of January, February and till 10th March, 1997;

(c) the names of countries where wheat was exported and the countries where from it was imported during above period;

(d) the price of exported wheat and the landed price of imported wheat; and

(c) the reasons for faulty advance planning in the matter of vital item like wheat and steps being taken to avoid such situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) During the period from July, 1996 to Dcccmcr 1996, India exported about 3.45 lakh MT of wheat. The major destinations to which wheat was exported during the above period were Vietnam, Korea. Kuwait, Jordan, Kenya. Bangladesh and YAR. About 5.40 lakh MT of imported wheat has arrived at Indian Ports d,uiing January, February and upto 4th March, 199?'